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FCC CHAIRMAN GENACHOWSKI CONVENES EXPERT ROUNDTABLE TO HELP PROTECT SMALL BUSINESSES FROM GROWING CYBERSECURITY THREATS

Small businesses lose billions annually to cyber attacks; roundtable discussion will include unveiling initiatives to empower small business owners with security tools

Washington, D.C. – On May 16, 2011, during National Small Business Week, FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski will convene the *Cybersecurity Roundtable: Protecting Small Businesses*, with leading industry executives and government experts in cybersecurity and information technology.

American small businesses have generated sixty-four percent of net new jobs over the past fifteen years, helping to lead our nation's innovation and economic growth. In a rapidly evolving virtual marketplace, where each cyber attack costs small and medium sized businesses an average of nearly \$200,000, business owners must vigilantly protect against information security risks that result in billions of dollars in lost revenue. However, many businesses continue to struggle to understand and implement available solutions.

WHO: Julius Genachowski, Chairman, FCC

Secretary Michael Chertoff, Chairman, Chertoff Group

Al Kinney, Director, Defense Cyber Security Capabilities, HP Enterprise

Ann Beauchesne, Vice President National Security & Emergency Preparedness

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Chanelle Hardy, Senior Vice President for Policy, National Urban League

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Dave Notch, Chief Information Security Officer, Thomson Reuters

Ken Yancey, CEO, SCORE

Maurice Jones, CEO and CFO of Parkinson Construction Company

Dr. Phyllis Schneck, CTO, McAfee Public Sector

WHAT: Cybersecurity Roundtable: Protecting Small Businesses

WHEN: Monday, May 16, 2011, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. EDT

WHERE: FCC Headquarters, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554

Commission Meeting Room

WEBCAST: www.fcc.gov/live

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The Cybersecurity Roundtable is free and open to the public. Due to limited seating, those attending are asked to pre-register by submitting their name, organizational affiliation and phone number to csroundtable@fcc.gov.

Audio/video coverage of the meeting will be broadcast live with open captioning over the Internet from the FCC's web page at www.fcc.gov/live. The FCC's webcast is free to the public. Those who watch the live video stream of the event may email event-related questions to csroundtable@fcc.gov or via Twitter with hashtag #fcclive. Depending on the volume of questions and time constraints, the panel moderators will work to respond to as many questions as possible during the workshop.

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